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SUBJECT: DETENTIONS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: (A) LA PAZ 5976, (B) LA PAZ 5971

1. GOV APPEARS TO HAVE MADE A SINCERE EFFORT IN PAST WEEK
TO MEET PROMISE MADE BY INTERIOR MINISTER RICO TORO (REF A)
THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 27 THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN BOLIVIA.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER FATHER JULIO TUMIRI TOLD EMBJNF
AUGUST 3 THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT GOB HAS TRIED TO MEET ITS
COMMITMENTS AND THAT WHILE JULY 27 DEALINE WAS NOT FULLY MET
THIS WAS A RESULT OF SLOWNESS ON THE PART OF LOCAL OFFICIALS
TO RESPOND TO ORDERID FROM THE MINISTRY IN LA PAZ RATHER THAN
OF ANY EFFORT BY THE MINISTER TO EVADE HIS COMMITMENT. TUMIRI
ADDED THAT A FEW PEOPLE CONTINUED TO BE DETAINED FOR SHORT
PERIODS AND THEN RELEASED, BUT HE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS BEING
DONE FOR THE MOST PART BY LOCAL OFFICIALS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE MINISTRY IN LA PAZ.

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3. ABSENCE OF ANY RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF NEW ARRESTS ADDS
CREDENCE TO TUMIRI'S INFORMATION. THE LAST PRESS REPORT DEALING
WITH THE ARREST OF "POLITIDAL" FIGURES WAS THAT OF JSLY 29 WHEN
THE MINERS' FEDERATION AFFIOMED THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING
TWO CLERICS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN POTOSI. ONE OF THE CLERICS WAS
THE LEADER OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ASSEMBLY IN THAT DEPARTMENT. THE
EMBASSY HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS HELD FOR

ONLY A FEW HOURS AND THEN RELEASED UNHARMED ALONG WITH THE
TWO OTHER PEOPLE.

4. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE
VIOLENCE IN CORIPATA (REF B) SOME OF THE ARRESTS ALREADY MADE OR
POSSIBLY TO BE MADE MAY BE CHARACTERIZED BY SOME SOURCES AS
POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. TUMIRI SAID THAT HE CONSIDERS THE TWO
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ALREADY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DEATH OF A SOLDIER (ONE CAMPESINO WAS ALSO KILLED) TO BE
"POLITICAL" PRISONERS BECAUSE THE VIOLENCE WAS POLITICALLY INSPIRED.
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